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SUBJECT: CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE

- 1. DAVIGNON ASKED THAT I INFORM SECRETARY KISSINGER OF CONVERSATIONS DAVIGNON HAS HAD RECENTLY WITH THE FRENCH ON REPRESENTATION AT THE PREPARATORY CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE.
- 2. DAVIGNON SAID HE HAD A KNOCK-DOWN-DRAG-OUT ARGUMENT WITH BRUNET OVER THE QUESTION OF IEA'S PRESENCE AT THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. BRUNET WAS DEAD SET AGAINST IEA'S ATTENDANCE, SAYING THAT THE OIL CONSUMERS NOT PRESENT COULD BE REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OECD. DAVIGNON TOLD BRUNET THAT THE FRENCH HAD NO BUSINESS TRYING TO TELL THE MEMBERS OF THE IEA HOW THEY WOULD BE REPRESENTED AND THAT THEY WANTED THE IEA TO PARTICIPATE.
- 3. IN A SUBSEQUENT TALK WITH DAVIGNON, SAUVAGNARGUES WAS LESS INSISTENT THAN BRUNET HAD BEEN. BUT DAVIGNON SUSPECTS THAT SAUVAGNARGUES KNEW THAT DAVIGNON WOULD NOT BUDGE AND HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY KISSINGER WHEN THEY MEET IN PARIS.

4. DAVIGNON ALSO SAID THAT THE FRENCH ARE OPPOSED TO

CANADIAN PARTICIPATION. BRUNET REMARKED THAT CANADA WAS MORE NEARLY A PRODUCER THAN CONSUMER. HIS MAIN REASON FOR OBJECTING, HOWEVER, WAS THAT IF THERE WERE ANY DEVIATION FROM THE EXISTING FORMULA, THERE WOULD BE NO WAY TO SAY NO TO OTHER CLAIMANTS. RENNER

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